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Torrance, California
July 11, 1950

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, July 11, 1950, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Smith.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27th and the Special Meeting of July 5th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

The time being 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard announced the hour had arrived for the third and final public hearing on Planning Commission Case No. 192, change of zone by the Planning Commission as part of

the Master Plan. Mr. Lloyd, Secretary of the Commission, reviewed the matter and oral communications were called for. There being none, Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the City Attorney be authorized to draw the necessary amendment to Ordinance No. 316. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Tidewater Associated Oil Co. advising no permits or pipe lines laid or removed under County Ordinance No. 1014 from January 1 to June 30, 1950. Matter of record.

Letter from Tidewater Associated Oil Co. advising no permits issued or pipe lines laid or removed under County Ordinance No. 1351 from January 1 to June 30, 1950. Matter of record.

Letter from Richfield Oil Corp. advising no pipe lines laid, removed or abandoned from January 1 to June 30, 1950, under County Ordinances 1358-1361 N.S. Matter of record.

Proposal from Logan R. Cotton for auditing books and accounts for the fiscal year 1950-1951. Councilman Powell moved the communication be referred to the Finance Committee and City Manager for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Request from Stuart Mortgage & Building Co. for permission to keep a trailer at 174th and Atkinson for the watchman. Councilman Powell moved that all such requests for trailer housing of watchmen be referred to the Chief of Police before Council action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Request from Helen Baker, of 24237 Madison St., WALTERIA, for permission to use a house trailer for sleeping accommodations only for six months, until an addition can be made to the house. Councilman Drale moved the request be granted for a period of 90 days, providing a building permit is taken out. Following a short discussion, motion was seconded by Councilman Powell and carried.

Letter from Mr. Carpenter, Supt. of Recreation, requesting special appropriation for the replacement of gas plates in the picnic area in the sum of \$99.50. City Manager Stevens said he thought the amount could be taken care of some how in the Recreation Department budget and that he was opposed to supplementing any department's budget "this early in the game". Councilman Blount moved the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried. Councilman Drale suggested that the matter should be referred to the maintenance man to see if repairs could be made.

Letters from Torrance Council of Churches, Torrance Council of Parent Teachers Ass'n and the Torrance Unified School District urging the adoption of ordinances prohibiting pin ball machines and punchboards.

Clerk Bartlett then read, in its entirety,

ORDINANCE NO. 518

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION AND PLAYING
OF CERTAIN COIN OPERATED MACHINES.

Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 518 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 519

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF PUNCH
BOARDS.

Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 519 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Powell stated he wished to revive Ordinance No. 505, creating a Judiciary Committee, and gave each Councilman a copy of the ordinance for study between now and the next meeting.

Letter from Huntington Land & Improvement Co. requesting that the City delete its reservation of easements in the vacation of a portion of Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway as set forth in Resolution No. 1906. Discussion followed with City Attorney Smith stating in his opinion the City Council should "stand pat" as under the dedication the City had no right to give up its easements. Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Request from George R. Johnson for permission to park a trailer at 23537 Madison St. for a watchman until November 30, 1950. Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the Chief of Police for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously. Discussion followed, with Chief Stroh advising the Council that the Police Department had ordered the trailer off the premises as the man was living there with his wife and children and the man was a laborer on the project, not just a watchman, and that neighbors had been complaining.

Letter from the Chamber of Commerce urging the re-establishment of the Tax Advisory Committee whose terms expired June 30th. Discussion followed resulting in a motion by Councilman Blount that Mr. Spelman represent the Council, replacing ex-Councilman Jackson. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously. Following further discussion, Councilman Blount moved that the appointment of citizens by the City Manager be held over for the next agenda meeting to allow time for consideration. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Letter from Lad 'N Lassie Studio of Los Angeles requesting permit to solicit for photographs and explaining its method of operation. Councilman Powell moved that, prior to any action by the Council, approval of the Better Business Bureau be obtained. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2074

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ABANDONING THAT CERTAIN WATER PIPE LINE AND RIGHT OF WAY ORIGINALLY OWNED BY TORRANCE WATER, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, AND EASEMENT COVERING THE SAME, SAID EASEMENT BEING RECORDED IN BOOK 7024 AT PAGE 264, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH SAID FACILITY AND RIGHT OF WAY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ACQUIRED BY TORRANCE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 24, 1934, SAID LINE AND RIGHT OF WAY BEING DESCRIBED IN THE MARCH, 1926 EASEMENT TO THE TORRANCE WATER, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY AS NO. 17.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2074. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2075

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO RICHARD C. BURCE.

Councilman Drale moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2075. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2076

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2076. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 520

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFFIRMING AND RATIFYING WAGE SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES ADOPTED BY THE SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS HERETOFORE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AND ELIMINATING AND ADDING CERTAIN POSITIONS TO THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 520 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett then asked if the ordinance relative to burning was to be brought up again and discussion followed resulting in a motion by Councilman Drale that the matter be tabled until the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Spelman, Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

The following recommendations of City Manager Stevens were read:

PERSONNEL:

1. That H. R. Burgess be promoted from Truck Driver to Power Equipment Operator No. 1, to serve his probationary period effective July 1, 1950, at a compensation of \$253 per month.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. That the monthly payment to Mr. George Green for collecting garbage and refuse be increased by an amount of \$260.75 to compensate for the 1,043 new services started between July 1, 1949 and June 30, 1950, in accordance with the terms of his contract.
2. For the engineering services to the Barclay Surveying Company on construction projects, the sum of \$384.00.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BIDS:

1. That the bid of Luippold Engineering Sales Company, to supply chlorine gas for the period of July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951, at a price of \$4.75 per 100# be accepted and all other bids rejected.
2. That the bid of the Standard Oil Company, who submitted the low bid for supplying gasoline to the City for the fiscal year 1950-51, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

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Councilman Powell moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The following recommendation from the Planning Commission was read:

"CASE NO. 195: Petition of Lilyan P. and Bert M. Lynn for a Variance and Conditional Permit to permit the construction of a one-story medical office building at the southwest corner of Torrance Boulevard and Acacia Avenue. This property is located in an R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) zone."

The Commission recommending approval, Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens asked that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contracts with Luippold and Standard Oil. Councilman Powell so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale advised the group that he understood the Pacific Electric Railway Company would give its strip of land along Sartori to the City for \$1.00 per year if the City would pave it, which property could then be used by the public for parking and moved that the City Manager be authorized to look into the matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Councilman Spelman said he would like to go into the request of the Huntington Land Company a little more and moved that the City Manager and City Attorney bring it up for study and discussion at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Mayor Haggard moved that the City Attorney draw a resolution in conformity with the State law to establish a Parking Authority for the City of Torrance, to be submitted to the Council as soon as conveniently possible. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bert Murphy, of Gardena, advised he had been informed several maps were coming before the Council for their approval which had already been approved by the Planning Commission. Discussion followed with City Manager Stevens advising him that the Council could take no action until the final map, properly executed, had been presented to the Engineering Office. Mr. Murphy explained their situation and advised that Mr. Patrick had said he would submit a letter to the Council. No action taken because of the lack of executed maps.

Commander Mason, of Hollywood Riviera, urged the Council's attention to the request of Huntington Land Company stating the people were being denied access to their property. City Attorney Smith advised such was not the case. Mayor Haggard asked that further discussion be postponed for a few weeks to allow time to go into the matter fully.

Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

There being no further business, Councilman Blount, at 9:00 p.m., moved meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

A. H. Bartlett

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

Bob L. Haggard

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE